

# Elementary Friday Five

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I've had several requests for apps for iPod touches. I searched and found five free apps that you can use on a touch in the classroom. I also had help from one of my techie third graders. (Thanks JDB) For those of you who are lucky enough to have an iPad, (I'm jealous) these will work for you, too.

1. Aliens Kids Math: Easily teaches kids how to Count, Add, and Subtract VISUALLY using fun outer space animations with a prize reward system for completing each level.
2. Short Vowel Mahjong: The app is for anyone who wants to help their children or students to reinforce short vowel sounds or start short vowel recognition. They have to remove pairs of tiles that have matching short vowel sounds.
3. Pocket Frogs: **Pocket Frogs** lets you collect a wide variety of frogs for your viewing - and their hopping - pleasure. Once you have a couple of frogs, you can begin to train them by hopping around a pond (a mini-game where you simply tap on lily pads to make the frogs eat bugs as you pass them). This will allow them to be bred for potential new froggies. These tadpoles grow for pre-determined amounts of time in the nursery, and then can be moved into a habitat once they're all grown up.
4. A Bee Sees: The happy, balloon popping bee helps kids learn Letters, Numbers, and Colors. With easy to use controls, even the youngest child can tap the screen of the iPhone or iPod touch to pop the correct balloon.
5. If you are willing to purchase apps there are some great apps available. I'm attaching a list of the top 50 for purchase apps for elementary classrooms.

All apps can be found in the iTunes store.

Although I've only included a few apps this week, I will continue looking and scatter great educational apps into future Friday Fives.

Have a great weekend!